

DMC Year in Review

The year 2016 started with the legislative session where DMC members were attended and represented for the Subcommittee. In the 2016 CCJJ Legislative Review 175 bills were reviewed, and 124 focused specifically on Juvenile Justice. UBJJ/DMC in collaboration with ACLU of Utah and Racially Just Utah with sponsorship from Chief House Sponsor, Sandra Hollins and Senate Sponsor, Daniel W. Thatcher petitioned for and was successful in getting HB460 (SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS AND SCHOOL and ADMINISTRATORS TRAINING AND AGREEMENT) bill passed and enacted in April 2016. This bill enacts provisions regarding a law enforcement officer who provides police services to a public school. The Utah State Board of Education (USBE) to create a certain training program relating to a law enforcement officer who provides police services to a public school; and a contract for a law enforcement officer to provide police services to a public school to contain certain provisions; and gives rulemaking authority. As a result CCJJ/USBE drafted a memorandum of agreement to create a curriculum for the SBLET. Currently, the MOU has not been signed because OJJDP needs to approve the financial agreement between both entities.

DMC Subcommittee continued to conduct the School Based Law Enforcement Training (SBLET) on the Wasatch Front between January and March of 2016 where about 5 Stakeholders and 185 individuals reached. Audiences included: Law Enforcement Agencies, Administrative Office of the Court (AOC), and School Districts. This training was also taken statewide to Washington County in February 2016 with 36 attendees over the 2-day training, and in San Juan County in March 2016, where about 48 individuals were in attendance over the 2-day period. Toni along with 2 other DMC members attended the annual Coalition on Juvenile Justice (CJJ) Conference where the SBLET was presented in poster session. There was a one-day training conducted at Weber SD in August 2016 with about 70 individuals in attendance. DMC current focus is the sustainability of the SBLET. Suggestions have been made to add this training to well-known conferences such as a Utah Gang Conference, and the Northern Gang Conference where it could be offered twice a year. While there has not been any focus from USBE on training, DMC is working closely with the curriculum developer hired by USBE to create a formal curriculum for our training. A researcher was hired to find alternatives to the juvenile courts, and a preliminary report was provided in June 2016 of the findings by Dr. Prospero, but a final report will be presented in the near future. Toni attended a two-day Training & Technical Assistance (TTA) in October of 2016. DMC will host its annual meeting on November 3, 2016 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Salt Lake Neighbor works.

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